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## GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

The democratic party at the Jeffersonian banquets held in Chicago and New York Thursday, in which William Jennings Bryan and Alton B. Parker were the principal speakers, evidently voiced the sentiments of the socialist party of the United States, when they declared for government ownership of utilities and direct legislation. That these two questions will form a component part of the next democratic platform in the United States is now generally conceded. But the idea is not original with the democratic party. During the 40 odd years that the democratic party has been in evidence they have never formulated or advocated a new, progressive idea in governmental affairs. They have been a party of negation and obstruction.

With a blare of trumpets, and an overflow of oratory, they have declared two fundamental principles which will be a part of the next democratic platform, and upon which they will go before the people asking for their votes. But the ideas are not original with the democrats. Like all commendable planks in the democratic party platform, they were either flished from the republican platform, after they have been put to the test and adopted by the people, with strong opposition from the democracy when they were being discussed. The government ownership of railroads, telegraph, telephone, water and light power plants and the question of direct legislation were first evolved by the socialist party and have for years been the important part of their party platform.

The Astorian has ever contended that the time would never come when the socialist party would be in power in the United States, but it has frequently advanced the belief that many of the best features of the socialist party platform would be adopted by either one of the two great political parties and would be incorporated into the laws of the land that the socialist party would be entitled to the credit of formulating the doctrines. There are a large number of conservative citizens in Astoria, in Oregon and throughout the United States, who are in hearty sympathy and accord with many of the principles advocated by the conservative wing of the socialist party. The principal reason why that party has not been successful and never will be, is the radical, anarchistic element of which the Appeal to Reason, the official organ of the rampant blackguards, published at Girard, Kan., is the exponent, and which never will be indorsed by the intelligent voters, unless the government of the United States is turned over to the anarchists of Chicago and New York and that will never happen.

President Roosevelt has always been an advocate of the government ownership of utilities and direct legislation. The republican party of Oregon was the first to adopt the initiative and referendum and direct primary laws. It has never been incorporated into the national republican platform, neither the democratic platform, for the reason that there were many other important measures that required immediate attention and final adjudication. The money question was the paramount issue and that was effectively settled by the republican party against the strong opposition from the free silver wing of the democratic party.

The question of imperialism, a vague and visionary theory the product of the imaginative brains of the democracy, has also been settled by the republican party. If imperialism means the education and enlightenment of the ignorant masses of the Philippines and the establishment, in due time of self government then imperialism has been effectively settled by the republican party. The democratic party set up a yell of opposition to the Cuban policy, but in due time, Cuba was extricated from Spanish misrule and is now a government of the people, for the people and by the people. The same will be true of the Philippines within two years according to a decree recently issued by President Roosevelt.

All of this shows conclusively that the democratic party are not capable of self government, and they are always the mourners at a funeral, fol-

lowing along behind the hearse, shedding tears of remorse for ignorance and perfidy committed. What they don't steal from the republican party, they now attempt to flish from the socialist party, and will no doubt go before the people claiming it entirely original and to the manor born. They have deceived the people so often that they are now distrusted, and it is doubtful if they would today be permitted to pass the contribution box in any church.

## ROOSEVELT AND BRYAN.

In his recent address before the Texas legislature, says the Butte Inter-Mountain, President Roosevelt made plain the limit to which he might be expected to go in harmony with governmental revolutionists.

With a prospect that the country may have its next national campaign conducted with regard to questions of business policy rather than those related to political affairs, the president's declaration of position and purpose is of more than temporary importance. Speaking of dealing with the great aggregations of capital in corporate form, he declared:

"I do not wish in any shape or way to interfere with the legitimate gain of any of these great men whose special industrial capacity enables them to handle the railroads so as to be of profit to themselves and of advantage to all of us. I should be most reluctant—I will put it stronger than that—I should absolutely refuse to be a party to any measure, to any proposition that interfered with the proper and legitimate prosperity of these men; and I should feel that such a measure was aimed at them and all of us, for an attack upon the legitimate prosperity of any of us in the long run would turn into an attack upon all. With this proviso (as to which I ask you to remember that I mean literally every word) let me further add that the public has a right, not a privilege, but in my view, a duty, to see that there is in its behalf exercised such a supervisory and regulatory power over the railroads as will insure that while they give fair treatment themselves they get it in return."

Briefly stated this means that the president favors paternalism and is opposed to anarchistic socialism. He would exercise the powers of government in protecting the citizen in his business as well as his political rights, at the same time expressing abhorrence of the spirit of "class consciousness" and emphatic antagonism to the war upon private enterprise and private wealth. His plan contemplates no scheme of public ownership, either through purchase or confiscation, or either the property or the opportunities which give incentive to individual effort and thrift and genius.

While Mr. Roosevelt's utterances show plainly where he differs with the extreme propositions advanced by Mr. Bryan, they justify in part at least the latter's cordial approval of the presidential policy toward government supervision of railways because they are in harmony with what Mr. Bryan might most reasonably have favored as a democrat before he affiliated with the populists and absorbed socialism in its milder forms. Not that paternalism has any place in pure democracy, nor yet in simple republican form of government, but it has been given recognition and growth in the American system since the birth of the parties through the strenuous efforts in almost every campaign, by the spellbinders of every party, to convince the voter that his direct, material selfish interest would be best promoted by a particular form of administration and that it was part of the destiny of each citizen to be made rich or poor by act of congress or state legislature.

In the race for favor among a people thus educated along political lines, the head of the party in power has reached position even with that occupied by the opposition a few years ago, while the most prominent leader of the other great party has advanced to the lines held by the moderate socialists of the same period.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

## Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents

With Comments by a Layman.  
No, Percy, the Tuttle charter bill did not change the name of Astoria to Suckerville. It might be appropriate in the light of recent developments.

Anyone in Astoria having any stock farms or Kansas mercantile institutions can find a purchaser by inquiring at a Commercial street cigar store.

The Standard Oil Company are still working on their fire trap. The council at its meeting Monday night are expected to show them what Oyama did to Kuroaki.

There hasn't been a bogus check cashed in Astoria for nearly a week, owing to the fact that the chief of police has been driving the hoboes eastward.

A carload of matches is said to be worth \$1500. Think what a lot of coin you'd have if all your friends would pay up for the matches they have borrowed from you in the past.

Having had General Cronje at the St. Louis fair doing the South African

war in a circus tent. It is now up to the management of the Portland fair to secure President Castro in an up-to-date production of a South American war.

It pays to patronize home merchants especially when it comes to buying perfumery. Rainwater by any other name would smell as sweet. But this is a painful subject.

Some sarcastic man has mailed this office a copy of the "American Economist."

France is now anxious to loan money to Japan, which proves that while France may be rooting for the big fellow she is betting on the lightweight.

A temperance advocate inquires, "What shall I call the man who spends all of his money over the bar?" Well, if you see him going by, call him in.

Andrew Carnegie now denies that he ever said it was a disgrace to die. Chadwick for one took him too literally.

Back in Milwaukee the other day a man took out three licenses to wed three different girls. It was a cinch some rival would turn up to try and equal the record of the Chicago man.

"I left my plow standing in the field to come and mingle with my friends," said Colonel Bryan at Des Moines. He brought his ax with him, though.

President Castro has written a book entitled "How I Control My Supreme Court," and if he has the correct dope there is no question but that it will become one of the six best selling books.

Those names, Nogi, Kuroki and Oyama are not so terrifying till you stop to reflect on what it is going to bring about in the way of new brands of breakfast food, chewing gum and patent medicines.

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